

**Scruples:** *Conscience is like a baby. It has to go to sleep before you can.*—Anonymous

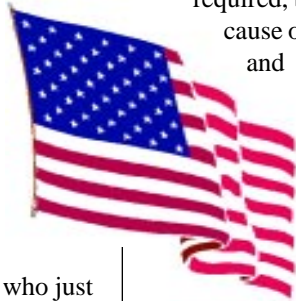
### Know what to do when retreat sounds

## Respect for the flag more than a gesture

*Story by Alexander Kufel*

**I**t's 5 p.m., you're driving in your car on-post. The sound of a cannon punctuates the air, the strains of a bugle sounds "retreat" shortly afterward. You know that the behavior of someone who's in the military might be guided by regulations. You're a civilian, a civilian employee of the federal government, or a member of the U.S. armed forces wearing civilian clothes. What do you do?

- Pretend you don't hear anything out of the ordinary and keep going.
- Hunker over the steering wheel and mash the gas pedal to the floor.
- Go around the idiot in front of you, who just stopped for no apparent reason, and show him your special salute, reserved for occasions like this.
- Stop your car where you are, wait quietly until you see the flag has been lowered, or can no longer hear the bugle, then continue.
- Stop your car, get out, stand at some semblance of "attention" facing in the direction of the flag, and



place your right hand over your heart until the flag is lowered, or you can no longer hear the bugle.

According to Staff Sgt. William J. Davis, NCOIC Headquarters Commandant Office at Schofield Barracks, if you answered "d," and simply stop your car, you are correct. At one time, exiting the vehicle was required, but that practice was discontinued because of safety reasons. Stopping the vehicle and waiting quietly is not necessarily a matter of regulations for civilians and civilian employees, but a means of rendering courtesy to the flag of the United States of America, and to the military installation that one happens to be on.

Military personnel have the option of exiting the car. If they are in uniform, they're required to display full military courtesy to the flag: that includes exiting the vehicle, standing at attention, and saluting.

In the morning, when "reveille" sounds, no action is required. Courtesy is shown only at the end of the day.

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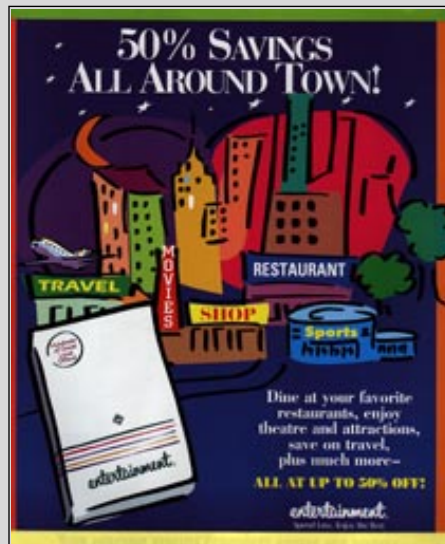
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